

REMARKS

Claims 1-42 are currently pending in this application. The Office Action dated September 16, 2009 states that the application is subject to restriction and requires election under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372 between the following two groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-18, drawn to a field grading material; and
Group II: Claims 19-42 drawn to an insulating material.

The Examiner alleges that the inventions listed as Groups I and II do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In response and notwithstanding the Examiner's position regarding the above, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-18, drawn to a field grading material. Claims 19-42 are withdrawn as directed to non-elected subject matter. The election of claims 1-18 of Group I is made without traverse and without prejudice to Applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of the nonelected claims in one or more additional applications.

On the basis of the foregoing remarks, action on the merits of the claims is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Attorney at the telephone number given below if any further questions arise in connection with this Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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